



MASSWILDLIFE

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### Application for a Massachusetts Minor Hunting License (age 15–17)

Required for Resident Minor Hunting (H8) or Non-Resident Minor Hunting (H5 & H6) licenses

Minor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to purchase a Minor hunting license in Massachusetts, resident or non-resident **minors, 15–17 years of age**, must either be accompanied by an adult while hunting **or** have a government approved Certificate of Completion from a Basic Hunter Education Course from any jurisdiction. In either case, the minor must also have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to purchase the hunting license. Because of these special provisions a minor's license is only available at vendor locations and cannot be obtained online on your own.

Complete one of the following options and provide it to the license vendor:

- ☒ **If the minor has successfully completed Basic Hunter Education** – complete the following consent letter and provide the graduate's certificate number.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the **parent / legal guardian**  
(Print name) (Circle one choice)

of \_\_\_\_\_, whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Print name)

I hereby grant him/her permission to purchase a Massachusetts minor Hunting license.  
Also, he/she has successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course.

His /Her **Government issued Certificate #** is \_\_\_\_\_ and will carry the  
certificate while hunting.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☒ **If the minor has not completed Basic Hunter Education** - complete the following consent letter which includes a written statement that at all times when hunting or target practicing the minor will be accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the **parent / legal guardian**  
(Print name) (Circle one choice)

of \_\_\_\_\_, whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Print name)

I hereby grant him/her permission to purchase a Massachusetts minor Hunting license. Also, I hereby affirm that he/she will be accompanied at all times by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting or target shooting.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR MINORS IN MASSACHUSETTS**

**Under 12 years** of age, an individual cannot hunt in Massachusetts.

**12 through 14 years** of age, one minor can hunt under the direct supervision of one licensed adult. They share one firearm or bow, and they share one bag limit. The supervising adult must have a valid Massachusetts hunting or sporting license, any required state or federal stamps, and any permits required to possess that firearm. None of these are required for the minor.

**15 through 17 years** of age, a minor is required to be licensed. He/she must be accompanied by an adult or have a government approved Certificate of Completion from a Basic Hunter Education Course in addition to any required state or federal stamps, and any permits required to possess firearms and must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to purchase the hunting license. ***A hunting or sporting license held in a prior year is not accepted for the purchase of a MA minor's hunting license.***

#### **Firearms licensing in Massachusetts**

In order to hunt with most types of guns, Massachusetts residents ages 15 and older need to apply for and obtain a Massachusetts Firearms license (i.e. Firearms Identification Card (FID) or a License to Carry Firearms (LTC). Contact your local police department for application information.